GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2105
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STREAMLINING OF PASSPORT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of regional passport officers was held in January, 2003 at New Delhi to streamline the passport system in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held in the meeting; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) Yes. A meeting of all Passport Officers was held at New Delhi on January 27-29, 2003.

(b)&(c)During the meeting, the major issues discussed related to further improving the system of issuance of passports. The Government is making the process of issuance of passports more efficient and transparent through computerization and decentralization of the passport issuance system.